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Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your letter concerning the intertie road for the three Chigniks. We're well aware that linking villages with roads offers advantages for many types of public use and services.

You may be interested in our analysis of this road, in comparison to several other potential links we considered in the region. It is estimate to have an annual traffic volume of 160,000 annually, the highest of any link proposed in the region, not already planned for construction, and the second best cost per user served after a road/bridge link between South Naknek and Naknek. Your comment about a single improved airport serving the three villages is also important. Such investments can benefit the communities in several ways:

- Larger, more weather-capable aircraft can serve a single stop, with a larger population base
- Aircraft capable of fish hauls and other commodity movements can use a larger airport
- Medivac planes can land more safely, again with fewer weather interruptions
- DOT can concentrate it's maintenance dollars to a single airport, used by the linked communities.

At this time no official recommendations or decisions have been made, in draft or final form. I thank your for your comment and hope that we can formulate a plan that fulfills regional expectations. I look forward to continuing the dialog.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffery C. Ottesen".

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